

**We claim:**

1. A vector capable of expressing an  $\alpha$ -1,2-mannosidase or a functional part thereof in a methylotrophic yeast strain, comprising a nucleotide  
5 sequence coding for said  $\alpha$ -1,2-mannosidase or said functional part.
2. The vector of claim 1, wherein said  $\alpha$ -1,2-mannosidase is a protein from a fungal species.
- 10 3. The vector of claim 2, wherein said fungus is *Trichoderma reesei*.
4. The vector of claim 1, wherein said  $\alpha$ -1,2-mannosidase is a protein from a mammalian species.
- 15 5. The vector of claim 4, wherein said  $\alpha$ -1,2-mannosidase is murine  $\alpha$ -1,2-mannosidase IA or IB.
6. The vector of claim 1, wherein said  $\alpha$ -1,2-mannosidase or said functional part is tagged with an ER-retention signal.  
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7. The vector of claim 6, wherein said ER-retention signal comprises peptide HDEL.
8. The vector of claim 1, wherein the nucleotide sequence coding for  
25 said  $\alpha$ -1,2-mannosidase or said functional part is operably linked to a promoter and a 3' termination sequence.

9. The vector of claim 8, wherein said promoter is the promoter of a gene selected from the group consisting of AOXI, AOXII, GAP, and FLD.

10. A vector selected from the group consisting of  
5 pGAPZMFMManHDEL, pGAPZMFMManMycHDEL, pPICZBMFMManMycHDEL,  
pGAPZmManHDEL, pGAPZmMycManHDEL, pPIC9mMycManHDEL and  
pGAPZmMycManHDEL.

11. A vector capable of expressing a glucosidase II or a functional part  
10 thereof in a methylotrophic yeast strain, comprising a nucleotide sequence coding for  
said glucosidase II or said functional part.

12. The vector of claim 11, wherein said glucosidase II is a protein  
from a fungal species.  
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13. The vector of claim 12, wherein said fungus is *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*.

14. The vector of claim 11, wherein said glucosidase II is a protein  
20 from a mammalian species.

15. The vector of claim 11, wherein said glucosidase II or said  
functional part is tagged with an ER-retention signal.

25 16. The vector of claim 15, wherein said ER-retention signal comprises  
peptide HDEL.

17. The vector of claim 11, wherein the nucleotide sequence coding for said  $\alpha$ -1,2-mannosidase or said functional part is operably linked to a promoter and a 3' termination sequence.

5                   18. The vector of claim 17, wherein said promoter is the promoter of a gene selected from the group consisting of AOXI, AOXII, GAP, and FLD.

19. A vector having the designation pGAPZAGLSII, pPICZAGLSII, pAOX2ZAGLSII, pYPTIZAGLSII, pGAPADEglsII, pPICADEglsII,  
10 pAOX2ADEglsII, pYPTIADEglsII, pGAPZAglslIIHDEL and pGAPADEglsIIHDEL.

20. A vector for disrupting the Och1 gene in a methylotrophic yeast strain, comprising a portion of the Och1 gene and a selectable marker gene, wherein said portion of the Och1 gene and said selectable marker gene are linked in such a way  
15 to effect the disruption of the genomic Och1 gene in said methylotrophic yeast strain.

21. A vector having the designation pBLURA5'PpOCH1.

22. A method of reducing the glycosylation on proteins produced from  
20 a methylotrophic yeast, comprising transforming said yeast with any one of the vectors of claims 1-21.

23. The method of claim 22, wherein said yeast is *Pichia pastoris*.

25                   24. The method of claim 23, wherein said yeast is a *Pichia pastoris* strain selected from GS115 (NRRL Y-15851), GS190 (NRRL Y-18014), PPF1 (NRRL Y-18017), PPY12-OH, yGC4, or derivatives thereof.

25. The method of claim 22, 23 or 24, wherein said yeast has been genetically engineered to expresses a heterologous protein.
- 5        26. A genetically engineered strain of a methylotrophic yeast, wherein said strain is transformed with at least one of the vectors of claims 1-21.
- 10       27. A method of reducing the glycosylation of a heterologous glycoprotein expressed from a methylotrophic yeast, comprising transforming cells of said methylotrophic yeast with at least one of the vectors of claims 1-21, and producing said glycoprotein from the transformed cells.
- 15       28. A method of producing a glycoprotein with reduced glycosylation in a methylotrophic yeast, comprising transforming cells of said methylotrophic yeast with at least one of the vectors of claims 1-21 and with a nucleotide sequence capable of expressing said glycoprotein in said yeast, and producing said glycoprotein from the transformed cells.
- 20       29. A glycoprotein produced by the method of claim 27 or 28.
30. The glycoprotein of claim 29, wherein said glycoprotein has a reduced immunogenicity as relative to the glycoprotein produced from a wild type strain of said methylotrophic yeast.
- 25       31. The glycoprotein of claim 29, wherein said glycoprotein is suitable for use in human therapeutics.
32. A kit comprising any of the vectors of claims 1-21.

33. The kit of claim 32, further comprising a methylotrophic yeast strain.

34. A kit comprising the methylotrophic yeast strain of claim 26.

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